

Regulation on Standards	Compliance
(1) Standard 1—Sponsor Commitment and Capacity. The sponsor recognizes that chartering is a means to foster excellent schools that meet identified needs, creates organizational structures to facilitate meeting these needs, and commits human and financial resources necessary to conduct its sponsoring duties effectively and efficiently. The sponsor shall implement steps to closely monitor the following:	Policies and protocols MPCSC FY25 Budget HB2 – see .HTML document page 32 Compliance submissions (attached to email) Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) attached
(A) Provides capacity to serve as a sponsor by employing, contracting for services, or seeking expertise in other ways to ensure capacity to carry out all sponsoring activities essential to charter school oversight (including, but not limited to education leadership, curriculum, instruction, assessment, special education, federal programs, performance accountability, law, finance, and nonprofit governance);	Job Descriptions SOP attached Commissioners are confirmed by the State Senate
(B) Retains records showing that all individuals working in a sponsor’s office and/or in the capacity of sponsor who have any contact with students complete a criminal background check and Missouri’s Family Care Safety Registry (FCSR) check as outlined in section 168.133.1, RSMo;	Commission staff are employees of the State of Missouri employees. Those records are available at the Human Resource Office at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Family Care Registry completed
(C) Provides capacity within their organization to review all data for charter schools in the Missouri Comprehensive Data System (MCDS) as outlined in section 160.400.11(5), RSMo;	Job Descriptions
(D) Ensures development of policies and procedures as outlined by section 160.400.16(1)–(6), RSMo;	All Commission policies are posted on our website SOP attached
(E) Provides an annual report showing that ninety percent (90%) of state funds received for sponsoring are	MCPSC is a sole purpose sponsor of charter schools.

used to support charter school operations and compliance as outlined in section 160.400.11, RSMo; and	100% of the state funds received are used for sponsorship work. Annual report was filed with DESE. Annual budget authorization passed by MO Legislature and signed by Governor. All expenditures follow DESE and OA procurement requirements.
(F) Maintains capacity for intervention purposes when charter sponsors have two (2) or more persistently low achieving charter schools, as verified by their Annual Performance Report (APR), before expanding their charter portfolio.	MCPSC performance framework , policies and qualifications of the staff satisfy this requirement SOP attached
(2) Standard 2—Application Process and Decision Making. The sponsor shall implement steps to closely monitor the application process that includes clear application and guidance; follows fair, transparent procedures, and rigorous criteria; and grants only those charter applications that demonstrate a strong capacity to establish and operate a quality charter school. The sponsor shall implement the following:	Policies and protocols Compliance submission list attached SOP attached
(A) Produces a thorough charter application process as outlined in section 160.400.11(2), RSMo, including the items as stated in section 160.405.1(1)–(17), RSMo;	Policies and protocols Compliance submission list attached SOP attached
(B) Maintains consistent criteria for accepting, approving, and denying charter applications and does so in accordance with a clearly established timeline;	Policies and protocols Compliance submission list attached SOP attached
(C) Requires the charter applicant to provide evidence of accountability regarding stable fiscal and organizational performance included in the charter application process, including: 1. Budget assumptions with balanced budgets; and 2. Positive cash flow reserve funds;	Revised application posted on website , Policies and protocols Compliance submission list attached SOP attached
(D) Advises charter applicants of the meaning of local education agency (LEA) status as it concerns the	See Letter of Intent at mcpSC.mo.gov

operation of the charter school as permitted in section 160.415.4, RSMo;	Commission staff inform applicant at initial meeting
(E) Includes additional contractual provisions that verify rigorous, independent contract oversight by the charter governing board and the school's financial independence from the external provider (for any school contracting with a third-party provider for education design and operation or management);	Articles of Incorporation, by laws of school and 3 rd party education service providers contracts are reviewed by Commission; regular review of minutes and expenditures; annual site visit
(F) Meets the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's (department) timelines by submitting to the State Board of Education (board) any new charter applications before October 1 of the year prior to the proposed opening date of the charter school. Renewal applications must be submitted before January 1 of the year that the charter is scheduled to be renewed; and	Letters of Intent reviewed for sponsorship by MCPSC are on our website .
(G) Submit an electronic copy of the approved charter for department files.	Performance contracts, approved applications and amendments are posted on Commission's website
(3) Standard 3—Board Support. The sponsor shall implement steps to offer ongoing support, including but not limited to: training, organization, ethical conduct, knowledge, commitment, compliance, leadership oversight, contract management, accountability, transparency, and the interpretation of the Missouri public charter school statutes/rules for charter school board(s). The sponsor shall—	Policies and protocols Compliance submission list attached SOP attached
(A) Ensure charter board members have adequate training to fulfill their position;	Policies and protocols Compliance submission list attached SOP attached
(B) Place charter schools on probation and/or revoke or non-renew a school's charter for poor governance if the charter school board does not follow statutory requirements, correct violations of statutory requirements, or continues to repeat the same violations, including, but not limited to the following: 1. The charter board retains status as a Missouri non-profit corporation as outlined in section 160.400.7, RSMo; 2. Charter board	Policies and protocols Compliance submission list attached SOP attached

members submit ethics commission paperwork annually as outlined in sections 105.483 and 105.492, RSMo; 3. Charter boards have policies in place to prevent conflict of interests with the charter school as outlined in section 160.400.15, RSMo; and 4. All charter board members have criminal background and FCSR checks as outlined in section 160.400.14, RSMo;	
(C) Demonstrate oversight of charter boards in a variety of ways, including but not limited to reviewing board minutes, attending board meetings, and verifying reporting processes; and (D) Monitor whether charter school board and committee business is conducted as outlined in the Missouri Sunshine Laws, sections 610.010–610.030, RSMo.	Policies and protocols Compliance submission list attached SOP attached
(4) Standard 4—Academic Performance. The sponsor shall take steps to closely monitor state performance standards, as defined by the department, are included in the sponsor/charter contract. The sponsor—	Policies SOP attached
(A) Ensures that performance contracts are aligned to the pupil academic standards adopted by the State Board of Education as outlined in section 160.405.4(6)(a), RSMo;	Performance contract in school application approved by DESE and MOSBOE
(B) Mandates intervention based on performance deficiencies as outlined in section 160.405.8(1)(a), RSMo;	Policies SOP attached
(C) Establishes clear procedures and consequences for failure to meet requirements and outcomes set in the sponsor/charter contract; and	Policies SOP attached
(D) Does not approve additional sites or expansion of grade levels for a charter school identified as persistently low achieving, as verified by its APR. Chapter 100—Office of Quality Schools 5 CSR 20-100	Policies SOP attached
(5) Standard 5—Fiscal Management. The sponsor shall implement steps to closely monitor the charter school performance management and financial actions that support a solvent fiscal status, including:	Policies SOP attached
(A) A charter school identified as financially stressed develops a budget and education plan as outlined in section 160.417.3, RSMo. The department may withhold any payment of financial aid due to the charter school until such time as the charter school and sponsor have fully complied as outlined in section 160.417.5, RSMo; (B) Charter schools that have been notified that expenditures for the preceding fiscal year exceed receipts, must take	Policies SOP attached Annual Report.

action to examine whether this has occurred due to recurring costs. If this is the case then the sponsor ensures that a budget and financial plan will be developed by the charter as outlined in section 160.417.3, RSMo;	
(C) Reviews annual financial audits of schools, conducted by a qualified independent auditor as stated in section 160.405.4(4), RSMo;	Policies and protocols Compliance submission list attached SOP attached Annual Report
(D) Ensures that adequate financial controls are in place to assure that revenue received for operation of the charter school are expended for expenses related to the operation of the charter school— 1. A requirement that a monthly check register is reviewed and approved by the local board prior to issuing payment for amounts in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000); and 2. The bank account where state funds are deposited must be established and under the control of the charter board. If a management company is contracted, personnel associated with the company shall not have direct access;	Policies and protocols Compliance submission list attached SOP attached Annual Report See performance contract at mcpssc.mo.gov for audit requirements
(E) Closely monitors that charter schools show fiscal management of federal grant programs in accordance with terms outlined in Fiscal Guidance for Federal Grant Programs;	Policies and protocols Compliance submission list attached SOP attached Annual Report
(F) Closely monitors that charter schools have a procurement process in place as required by the Code of Federal Regulations 34 CFR 80.36;	Policies and protocols Compliance submission list attached SOP attached Annual Report
(G) Closely monitors that the Annual Secretary of the Board Report (ASBR) and the annual audit are submitted to the department in the time frame outlined by Missouri statutes and that these documents are not compiled by the same auditing service. The department may withhold any payment of financial aid due to the charter school until such time as the charter school and sponsor have fully complied as outlined in section 160.415.5, RSMo;	Policies and protocols Compliance submission list attached SOP attached Annual Report
(H) Closely monitors that the annual audit summary is published as outlined in section 165.121.5, RSMo; and	Policies and protocols Compliance submission list attached

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(I) Closely monitors that charter schools utilize the coding procedures prescribed in the Missouri Financial Accounting Manual as outlined in section 160.405.1(10), RSMo.	Policies and protocols Compliance submission list attached SOP attached Annual Report
(6) Standard 6—Reporting. The sponsor shall implement steps to closely monitor all reports/data required by Missouri and federal law are completed and submitted in a timely manner for the department and/or legislature. The sponsor shall closely monitor the following:	Policies and protocols Compliance submission list attached SOP attached Annual Report
(A) Timely, accurate, and complete submission of all data required as outlined in section 160.400.17(1), RSMo;	Policies and protocols Compliance submission list attached SOP attached Annual Report
(B) Charter schools locally maintain student records that can be transferred electronically for state and federal program reporting requirements;	SIS of sponsored schools are aligned to MOSIS
(C) Charter schools retain necessary records as required by the general record retention schedule and the public school record retention schedule as authorized by section 109.255, RSMo;	Policies and protocols Compliance submission list attached SOP attached Annual Report
(D) That an annual report per charter school is submitted to the joint committee on education as outlined in section 160.400.12, RSMo;	https://mcpsc.mo.gov/content/fyi
(E) Sponsor ensures charter schools adopt policies consistent with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) guidelines to the extent they are applicable;	Policies and protocols Compliance submission list attached SOP attached Annual Report
(F) Appropriate charter personnel have access to the Missouri Student Information System (MOSIS) and core data; and	Policies and protocols Compliance submission list attached SOP attached Annual Report
(G) That approved changes to a charter throughout the term of the charter will be submitted within thirty (30) days of approval and an electronic copy will be submitted to the department reflecting approved changes.	Policies and protocols Compliance submission list attached SOP attached

	Annual Report Included in performance contract
(7) Standard 7—Oversight and Evaluation. The sponsor conducts oversight and evaluates performance for both federal and state compliance. The sponsor shall implement steps to closely monitor the following:	Policies and protocols Compliance submission list attached SOP attached Annual Report
(A) Non-discrimination as required by federal and state laws;	Policies and protocols Compliance submission list attached SOP attached Annual Report
(B) The charter board has a policy to promptly address parent, student, and community concerns at the local level;	Policies and protocols Compliance submission list attached SOP attached Annual Report
(C) Monitors data related to certification and background checks and has policy/intervention plans to address when schools are not in compliance;	Policies and protocols Compliance submission list attached SOP attached Annual Report
(D) The compliance with all state and federal statutes and guidelines, including but not limited to: special education; all title programs; vocational/career education; food service; and services for foster, homeless, migrant, and English language learner students;	Policies and protocols Compliance submission list attached SOP attached Annual Report
(E) All eligible students participate in the Missouri MAP; and	Policies and protocols Compliance submission list attached SOP attached Annual Report
(F) Charter schools enrolling eligible students under the urban voluntary transfer program (St. Louis metropolitan area) are reported accurately as outlined in section 160.410.1(2), RSMo.	The Commission sponsors eight charter schools operating in St. Louis public schools. These school follow this statute.
(8) Standard 8—Intervention, Renewal, Revocation, and Closure Decision Making. The sponsor shall implement steps to closely monitor transparent and rigorous processes that use comprehensive academic, financial,	Policies and protocols Compliance submission list attached SOP attached

and operational management data to make decisions about intervention, renewal, revocation, and closure. The sponsor shall implement the following:	
(A) Develops and maintains policies that have been adopted for the following areas: 1. Establishes and makes known to schools at the outset an intervention policy stating the general conditions that may trigger intervention and the types of actions and consequences that may ensue; 2. Bases the renewal process and renewal decisions on thorough analyses of a comprehensive body of objective evidence defined by the performance framework in the charter contract. Sponsors grant renewal only to schools that have achieved the standards and targets stated in the charter contract, are organizationally and fiscally viable, and have been diligent to the terms of the contract and applicable law; 3. Revokes a charter during the charter term if there is clear evidence of extreme underperformance or violation of law or the public trust that imperils students or public funds; and 4. In the event of a school closure, oversees and works with the school governing board and leadership in carrying out a detailed closure protocol that ensures timely notification to parents; orderly transition of students and student records to new schools; and disposition of school funds, property, and assets in accordance with law as outlined in section 160.400.17(1), RSMo. AUTHORITY: sections 161.092 and 160.400–160.425, RSMo Supp. 2012.*	Performance Contract and Commission policies are posted at mcpsc.mo.gov